

REMARKS

The Office Action states that restriction is required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-38, drawn to an insert panel, classified in class 16, subclass 2.4.
- II. Claims 39 and 40, drawn to a method of making a sliding panel, classified in class 52, subclass 127.1.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, i.e., claims 1-38, for further prosecution on the merits.

The Office Action indicates that the claims have been restricted because the inventions are related as process of making and product made. Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn, all the claims should be regrouped, and an action on the merits for all claims should be issued. To provide a comprehensive search, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner would be required to search the product made as well as the process of making. Thus, there is no additional burden on the Examiner if the restriction requirement is withdrawn. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Office Action further requires that Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Office Action identifies patentably distinct species of the claimed invention in each of Figures 1-6, 8, and 9, and states that claim 1 is generic. Applicants hereby elect with traverse the species of Figure 3, and claims 1, 2, 4-15, 18-26, 28, 29, 31-34, and 36-38, which are readable thereon. Applicants traverse the restriction on the grounds that it would not be unduly burdensome to conduct a search of all the species.

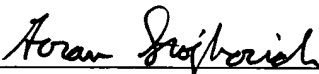
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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable. A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any matter related to the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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